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PROCEEDINGS

FIFTY-SEVENTH DAY — FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2011

The house met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 383).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Aliseda; Allen; Alonzo; Alvarado; Anchia; Anderson, C.; Anderson, R.; Aycock; Beck; Berman; Bohac; Bonnen; Branch; Brown; Burkett; Burnam; Button; Cain; Callegari; Carter; Castro; Chisum; Christian; Coleman; Cook; Craddick; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, S.; Davis, Y.; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dutton; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; Farias; Farrar; Fletcher; Frullo; Gallego; Garza; Geren; Giddings; Gonzales, L.; Gonzales, V.; Gonzalez; Gooden; Guillen; Gutierrez; Hamilton; Hancock; Hardcastle; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Hernandez Luna; Hilderbran; Hochberg; Hopson; Howard, C.; Howard, D.; Huberty; Hughes; Hunter; Isaac; Jackson; Johnson; Keffer; King, P.; King, S.; King, T.; Kleinschmidt; Kuempel; Landtroop; Larson; Lavender; Legler; Lewis; Lozano; Lucio; Lyne; Madden; Mallory Caraway; Margo; Marquez; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McClendon; Menendez; Miles; Miller, D.; Miller, S.; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Naishtat; Nash; Oliveira; Orr; Otto; Parker; Patrick; Paxton; Peña; Perry; Phillips; Pickett; Pitts; Price; Quintanilla; Raymond; Riddle; Ritter; Rodriguez; Schwertner; Scott; Sheets; Sheffield; Shelton; Simpson; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solomons; Strama; Taylor, L.; Taylor, V.; Thompson; Torres; Truitt; Turner; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; Weber; White; Woolley; Workman; Zedler; Zerwas.

Absent, Excused — Flynn; Harless; Kolkhorst; Laubenberg; Reynolds; Smith, T.; Walle.

The invocation was offered by Bob Alderman, pastor, First Baptist Church, Rio Grande City, as follows:

Dear Heavenly Father, as we gather here in this solemn chamber today we stand before your presence in the precious and powerful name of your son, Jesus Christ. Lord, we pray for your grace and wisdom to be upon every member of the Texas House of Representatives. I pray that each of their decisions be guided by your spirit and centered in your holy will for them and the state they serve.

Father, I pray for their families today. I pray that you, in your divine grace and mercy, would protect their families, bless their children, and build closer relationships with their spouses. May each family represented here today know your presence and experience the fullness of your joy.

Lord God, today Texas faces many challenges. We are concerned about our finances, our future, and our families. Never before has the prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread" been uttered with such fervency and importance. We call on you, O Lord, to be our protection and our provision. Build the economy of this wonderful state and provide both employment and opportunity to our fellow Texans. Build strong, healthy families who live in freedom and not fear. Build Texas into the great state of your holy vision and plan.

Lord, bless the men and women who serve you by serving in the Texas House of Representatives. Bless their staff that works so diligently and everyone who serves day by day in their roles to support the mission of this body of government. We cry out for your presence in this chamber, O God of wisdom, and ask you to direct the decisions of this honorable assembly; Lord, enable them to settle the business of Texas on the best and surest foundation, giving you glory all along the way. Preserve the health of their bodies and vigor of their minds; shower down on them and the millions they represent, the true blessings from above. Build respect and unity among them so that they might reflect your kingdom.

O God, we ask for your divine protection upon the sons and daughters of not only Texas, but from all across our great country, those who have volunteered to serve in the armed forces of these United States. We pray for the success of their missions and their safe return to their homes and families. Build a hedge of protection around them, hold them safe in your hands, and be their strong shield.

Lord, today we also pray for the Texas Senate as they conduct their business and for our governor, Rick Perry, and his family. We thank you for them and their service. Today, Father, I pray that you would wrap your arms around the Texas House of Representatives and draw them in close to you. May they know your presence, seek your will, and find your peace. All this we ask in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, your son and our Savior. Amen.

The speaker recognized Representative S. Davis who led the house in the pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following members were granted leaves of absence for today because of illness:

Harless on motion of Hopson.

T. Smith on motion of Hunter.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of a death in the family:

Reynolds on motion of Y. Davis.

The following members were granted leaves of absence for today because of important business in the district:

Flynn on motion of Berman.

Kolkhorst on motion of Geren.

Walle on motion of Hernandez Luna.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the senate was received at this time (see the addendum to the daily journal, Messages from the Senate, Message No. 1).

HR 877 - PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED (by Chisum)

The chair laid out and had read the following previously adopted resolution:

HR 877, Honoring Horace "Gorilla" Puckett and Bruce Hlesko for founding the charitable organization Fireball, which benefits the Shriners Hospital for Children in Galveston.

On motion of Representative Eiland, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 877** as signers thereof.

(Legler in the chair)

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Chisum who introduced Horace "Gorilla" Puckett and representatives of Shriners International.

MAJOR STATE CALENDAR HOUSE BILLS THIRD READING

The following bills were laid before the house and read third time:

HB 1000 ON THIRD READING (by Branch, Frullo, Coleman, Button, Bonnen, et al.)

HB 1000, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the distribution of money appropriated from the national research university fund and to one or more audits of certain general academic teaching institutions in connection with that distribution.

HB 1000 was passed by (Record 384): 138 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Aliseda; Allen; Alonzo; Alvarado; Anchia; Anderson, C.; Anderson, R.; Aycock; Beck; Berman; Bohac; Bonnen; Branch; Brown; Burkett; Burnam; Button; Cain; Callegari; Carter; Castro; Chisum; Christian; Coleman; Cook; Craddick; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, S.; Davis, Y.; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dutton; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; Farias; Farrar; Fletcher; Frullo; Gallego; Garza; Geren; Giddings; Gonzales, L.; Gonzales, V.; Gonzalez; Gooden; Gutierrez; Hamilton; Hancock; Hardcastle; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Hernandez Luna; Hilderbran; Hochberg; Hopson; Howard, C.; Howard, D.; Huberty; Hughes; Hunter; Isaac; Jackson; Johnson; Keffer; King, P.; King, S.; King, T.; Kleinschmidt; Kuempel; Landtroop; Larson; Lavender; Lewis; Lozano; Lucio; Lyne; Madden; Mallory Caraway; Margo; Marquez; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McClendon; Menendez; Miles; Miller, D.; Miller, S.; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Naishtat; Nash; Oliveira; Orr; Otto; Parker; Patrick; Paxton; Peña; Perry; Phillips; Pitts; Price; Quintanilla; Raymond; Riddle; Ritter; Rodriguez;

Schwertner; Scott; Sheets; Sheffield; Shelton; Simpson; Smith, W.; Solomons; Strama; Taylor, L.; Taylor, V.; Thompson; Torres; Truitt; Turner; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; Weber; White; Woolley; Workman; Zedler; Zerwas.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Legler(C).

Absent, Excused — Flynn; Harless; Kolkhorst; Laubenberg; Reynolds; Smith, T.; Walle.

Absent — Guillen; Pickett; Smithee.

The chair stated that **HB 1000** was passed subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 49a of the Texas Constitution.

HB 1861 ON THIRD READING (by Anchia)

HB 1861, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the continuation and functions of the Commission on State Emergency Communications.

HB 1861 was passed by (Record 385): 140 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Aliseda; Allen; Alonzo; Alvarado; Anchia; Anderson, C.; Anderson, R.; Aycock; Beck; Berman; Bohac; Bonnen; Branch; Brown; Burkett; Burnam; Button; Cain; Callegari; Carter; Chisum; Christian; Coleman; Cook; Craddick; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, S.; Davis, Y.; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dutton; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; Farias; Farrar; Fletcher; Frullo; Gallego; Garza; Geren; Giddings; Gonzales, L.; Gonzales, V.; Gonzalez; Gooden; Guillen; Gutierrez; Hamilton; Hancock; Hardcastle; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Hernandez Luna; Hilderbran; Hochberg; Hopson; Howard, C.; Howard, D.; Huberty; Hughes; Hunter; Isaac; Jackson; Johnson; Keffer; King, P.; King, S.; King, T.; Kleinschmidt; Kuempel; Landtroop; Larson; Lavender; Lewis; Lozano; Lucio; Lyne; Madden; Mallory Caraway; Margo; Marquez; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McClendon; Menendez; Miles; Miller, D.; Miller, S.; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Naishtat; Nash; Oliveira; Orr; Otto; Parker; Patrick; Paxton; Peña; Perry; Phillips; Pickett; Pitts; Price; Quintanilla; Raymond; Riddle; Ritter; Rodriguez; Schwertner; Scott; Sheets; Sheffield; Shelton; Simpson; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solomons; Strama; Taylor, L.; Taylor, V.; Thompson; Torres; Truitt; Turner; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; Weber; White; Woolley; Workman; Zedler; Zerwas.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Legler(C).

Absent, Excused — Flynn; Harless; Kolkhorst; Laubenberg; Reynolds; Smith, T.; Walle.

Absent — Castro.

HB 600 ON THIRD READING (by Solomons)

HB 600, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the composition of the districts for the election of members of the State Board of Education.

HB 600 was passed by (Record 386): 104 Yeas, 34 Nays, 4 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Aliseda; Alonzo; Alvarado; Anderson, C.; Anderson, R.; Aycock; Beck; Berman; Bohac; Bonnen; Branch; Brown; Burkett; Button; Cain; Callegari; Carter; Chisum; Christian; Cook; Craddick; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, S.; Deshotel; Driver; Eissler; Elkins; Farias; Fletcher; Frullo; Garza; Geren; Gonzales, L.; Gooden; Guillen; Hamilton; Hancock; Hardcastle; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Hilderbran; Hopson; Howard, C.; Huberty; Hughes; Hunter; Isaac; Jackson; Johnson; Keffer; King, P.; King, S.; Kleinschmidt; Kuempel; Landtroop; Larson; Lavender; Lewis; Lyne; Madden; Margo; Menendez; Miller, D.; Miller, S.; Morrison; Murphy; Naishtat; Nash; Orr; Otto; Parker; Patrick; Paxton; Peña; Perry; Phillips; Pickett; Pitts; Price; Raymond; Riddle; Ritter; Schwertner; Scott; Sheets; Sheffield; Shelton; Simpson; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solomons; Taylor, L.; Taylor, V.; Thompson; Torres; Truitt; Weber; White; Woolley; Workman; Zerwas.

Nays — Anchia; Burnam; Castro; Coleman; Davis, Y.; Dukes; Dutton; Eiland; Farrar; Gallego; Giddings; Gonzales, V.; Gonzalez; Gutierrez; Hernandez Luna; Hochberg; Howard, D.; King, T.; Lozano; Lucio; Mallory Caraway; Marquez; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McClendon; Miles; Muñoz; Oliveira; Quintanilla; Rodriguez; Turner; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Allen; Legler(C); Strama.

Absent, Excused — Flynn; Harless; Kolkhorst; Laubenberg; Reynolds; Smith, T.; Walle.

Absent — Zedler.

STATEMENTS OF VOTE

I was shown voting yes on Record No. 386. I intended to vote no.

Alonzo

I was shown voting yes on Record No. 386. I intended to vote no.

Alvarado

I was shown voting yes on Record No. 386. I intended to vote no.

Carter

I was shown voting yes on Record No. 386. I intended to vote no.

Thompson

I was shown voting yes on Record No. 386. I intended to vote no.

Truitt

GENERAL STATE CALENDAR HOUSE BILLS THIRD READING

The following bills were laid before the house and read third time:

HB 33 ON THIRD READING

(by Branch, Patrick, Vo, Castro, Hancock, et al.)

- **HB 33**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to measures to increase the affordability of textbooks used for courses at public or private institutions of higher education.
- **HB 33** was passed by (Record 387): 138 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Aliseda; Allen; Alonzo; Alvarado; Anchia; Anderson, C.; Anderson, R.; Aycock; Beck; Berman; Bohac; Bonnen; Branch; Brown; Burkett; Burnam; Button; Cain; Callegari; Carter; Castro; Chisum; Christian; Coleman; Cook; Craddick; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, S.; Davis, Y.; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dutton; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; Farias; Farrar; Fletcher; Frullo; Gallego; Garza; Geren; Giddings; Gonzales, L.; Gonzales, V.; Gonzalez; Gooden; Gutierrez; Hamilton; Hancock; Hardcastle; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Hernandez Luna; Hilderbran; Hochberg; Hopson; Howard, C.; Howard, D.; Huberty; Hughes; Hunter; Isaac; Jackson; Johnson; Keffer; King, P.; King, S.; King, T.; Kleinschmidt; Kuempel; Landtroop; Larson; Lavender; Lewis; Lozano; Lucio; Lyne; Madden; Mallory Caraway; Margo; Marquez; Martinez Fischer; McClendon; Menendez; Miles; Miller, D.; Miller, S.; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Naishtat; Nash; Oliveira; Orr; Otto; Parker; Patrick; Paxton; Peña; Perry; Phillips; Pitts; Price; Quintanilla; Raymond; Riddle; Ritter; Rodriguez; Schwertner; Scott; Sheets; Sheffield; Shelton; Simpson; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solomons; Strama; Taylor, L.; Taylor, V.; Thompson; Torres; Truitt; Turner; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; Weber; White; Woolley; Workman; Zedler; Zerwas.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Legler(C).

Absent, Excused — Flynn; Harless; Kolkhorst; Laubenberg; Reynolds; Smith, T.; Walle.

Absent — Guillen; Martinez; Pickett.

STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 387 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

Martinez

HB 253 ON THIRD READING (by Hilderbran)

- **HB 253**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the protection of children by ensuring reports of abuse or neglect, protecting children from abuse and neglect, ensuring that births are reported, and prosecuting the offense of bigamy; providing criminal penalties.
- **HB 253** was passed by (Record 388): 134 Yeas, 1 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Aliseda; Allen; Alonzo; Alvarado; Anchia; Anderson, C.; Anderson, R.: Avcock: Beck: Berman: Bohac: Branch: Brown: Burkett: Burnam: Button; Cain; Callegari; Carter; Castro; Chisum; Christian; Coleman; Cook; Craddick; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, S.; Davis, Y.; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dutton; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; Farias; Farrar; Fletcher; Frullo; Gallego; Garza; Giddings; Gonzales, L.; Gonzales, V.; Gonzalez; Gooden; Guillen; Gutierrez; Hamilton; Hancock; Hardcastle; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Hernandez Luna; Hilderbran; Hochberg; Hopson; Howard, C.; Howard, D.; Huberty; Hughes; Hunter; Isaac; Jackson; Johnson; Keffer; King, P.; King, S.; King, T.; Kleinschmidt; Kuempel; Landtroop; Larson; Lavender; Lewis; Lozano; Lucio; Lyne; Madden; Mallory Caraway; Margo; Marquez; Martinez Fischer; McClendon; Menendez; Miles; Miller, D.; Miller, S.; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Naishtat; Nash; Oliveira; Orr; Otto; Parker; Patrick; Paxton; Peña; Perry; Phillips; Pickett; Pitts; Price; Quintanilla; Raymond; Riddle; Ritter; Rodriguez; Schwertner; Scott; Sheets; Sheffield; Shelton; Simpson; Smith, W.; Solomons; Strama; Taylor, L.; Taylor, V.; Thompson; Truitt; Turner; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; Weber; Woolley; Workman; Zedler; Zerwas.

Nays — White.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Legler(C).

Absent, Excused — Flynn; Harless; Kolkhorst; Laubenberg; Reynolds; Smith, T.; Walle.

Absent — Bonnen; Davis, J.; Geren; Martinez; Smithee; Torres.

STATEMENTS OF VOTE

I was shown voting yes on Record No. 388. I intended to vote no.

Garza

When Record No. 388 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

Geren

When Record No. 388 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

Martinez

When Record No. 388 was taken, my vote failed to register. I would have voted yes.

Torres

HB 588 ON THIRD READING (by Guillen)

HB 588, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the advance payment of surcharges under the Driver Responsibility Program.

HB 588 was passed by (Record 389): 137 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Aliseda; Allen; Alonzo; Alvarado; Anchia; Anderson, C.; Anderson, R.; Aycock; Beck; Berman; Bohac; Branch; Brown; Burkett; Burnam; Button; Cain; Callegari; Carter; Castro; Chisum; Christian; Coleman; Cook; Craddick; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, S.; Davis, Y.; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dutton; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; Farias; Farrar; Fletcher; Frullo; Gallego; Garza; Giddings; Gonzales, L.; Gonzales, V.; Gonzalez; Gooden; Guillen; Gutierrez; Hamilton; Hancock; Hardcastle; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Hernandez Luna; Hilderbran; Hochberg; Hopson; Howard, C.; Howard, D.; Huberty; Hughes; Hunter; Isaac; Jackson; Johnson; Keffer; King, P.; King, S.; King, T.; Kleinschmidt; Kuempel; Landtroop; Larson; Lavender; Lewis; Lozano; Lucio; Lyne; Madden; Mallory Caraway; Margo; Marquez; Martinez Fischer; McClendon; Menendez; Miles; Miller, D.; Miller, S.; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Naishtat; Nash; Oliveira; Orr; Otto; Parker; Patrick; Paxton; Peña; Perry; Phillips; Pickett; Pitts; Price; Quintanilla; Raymond; Riddle; Rodriguez; Schwertner; Scott; Sheets; Sheffield; Shelton; Simpson; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solomons; Strama; Taylor, L.; Taylor, V.; Thompson; Torres; Truitt; Turner; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; Weber; White; Woolley; Workman; Zedler; Zerwas.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Legler(C).

Absent, Excused — Flynn; Harless; Kolkhorst; Laubenberg; Reynolds; Smith, T.; Walle.

Absent — Bonnen; Geren; Martinez; Ritter.

STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 389 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

Geren

When Record No. 389 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

Martinez

HB 975 ON THIRD READING (by Dutton)

HB 975, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to eligibility to serve on the appraisal review board of an appraisal district.

HB 975 was passed by (Record 390): 138 Yeas, 1 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Aliseda; Allen; Alonzo; Alvarado; Anchia; Anderson, C.; Anderson, R.; Aycock; Beck; Berman; Bohac; Bonnen; Branch; Brown; Burkett; Burnam; Button; Cain; Callegari; Carter; Castro; Chisum; Christian; Coleman; Cook; Craddick; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, S.; Davis, Y.; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dutton; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; Farias; Farrar; Fletcher; Frullo; Gallego; Garza; Geren; Giddings; Gonzales, L.; Gonzales, V.; Gonzalez; Gooden; Guillen; Gutierrez; Hamilton; Hancock; Hardcastle; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Hernandez Luna; Hilderbran; Hochberg; Hopson; Howard, C.; Howard,

D.; Huberty; Hughes; Hunter; Isaac; Jackson; Johnson; Keffer; King, P.; King, S.; King, T.; Kleinschmidt; Kuempel; Landtroop; Larson; Lavender; Lewis; Lozano; Lucio; Lyne; Madden; Mallory Caraway; Marquez; Martinez Fischer; McClendon; Menendez; Miles; Miller, D.; Miller, S.; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Naishtat; Nash; Oliveira; Orr; Otto; Parker; Patrick; Paxton; Peña; Perry; Phillips; Pickett; Pitts; Price; Quintanilla; Raymond; Riddle; Ritter; Rodriguez; Schwertner; Scott; Sheets; Sheffield; Shelton; Simpson; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solomons; Strama; Taylor, L.; Taylor, V.; Thompson; Torres; Truitt; Turner; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; Weber; Woolley; Workman; Zedler; Zerwas.

Nays — White.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Legler(C).

Absent, Excused — Flynn; Harless; Kolkhorst; Laubenberg; Reynolds; Smith, T.; Walle.

Absent — Margo; Martinez.

STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 390 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

Martinez

HB 1075 ON THIRD READING (by R. Anderson, Truitt, et al.)

HB 1075, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to an alert for a missing person with an intellectual developmental disability.

HB 1075 was passed by (Record 391): 140 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Aliseda; Allen; Alonzo; Alvarado; Anchia; Anderson, C.; Anderson, R.; Aycock; Beck; Berman; Bohac; Bonnen; Branch; Brown; Burkett; Burnam; Button; Cain; Callegari; Carter; Castro; Chisum; Christian; Coleman; Cook; Craddick; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, S.; Davis, Y.; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dutton; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; Farias; Farrar; Fletcher; Frullo; Gallego; Garza; Geren; Giddings; Gonzales, L.; Gonzales, V.; Gonzalez; Gooden; Guillen; Gutierrez; Hamilton; Hancock; Hardcastle; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Hernandez Luna; Hilderbran; Hochberg; Hopson; Howard, C.; Howard, D.; Huberty; Hughes; Hunter; Isaac; Jackson; Johnson; Keffer; King, P.; King, S.; King, T.; Kleinschmidt; Kuempel; Landtroop; Larson; Lavender; Lewis; Lozano; Lucio; Lyne; Madden; Mallory Caraway; Margo; Marquez; Martinez Fischer; McClendon; Menendez; Miles; Miller, D.; Miller, S.; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Naishtat; Nash; Oliveira; Orr; Otto; Parker; Patrick; Paxton; Peña; Perry; Phillips; Pickett; Pitts; Price; Quintanilla; Raymond; Riddle; Ritter; Rodriguez; Schwertner; Scott; Sheets; Sheffield; Shelton; Simpson; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solomons; Strama; Taylor, L.; Taylor, V.; Thompson; Torres; Truitt; Turner; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; Weber; White; Woolley; Workman; Zedler; Zerwas.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Legler(C).

Absent, Excused — Flynn; Harless; Kolkhorst; Laubenberg; Reynolds; Smith, T.; Walle.

Absent — Martinez.

STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 391 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

Martinez

HB 2257 ON THIRD READING (by Phillips)

HB 2257, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the procurement and use of an emergency notification system by public service providers.

HB 2257 was passed by (Record 392): 139 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Aliseda; Allen; Alonzo; Alvarado; Anchia; Anderson, C.; Anderson, R.; Aycock; Beck; Berman; Bohac; Bonnen; Branch; Brown; Burkett; Burnam; Button; Cain; Callegari; Carter; Castro; Chisum; Christian; Coleman; Cook; Craddick; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, S.; Davis, Y.; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dutton; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; Farias; Farrar; Fletcher; Frullo; Gallego; Garza; Geren; Giddings; Gonzales, L.; Gonzales, V.; Gonzalez; Gooden; Guillen; Gutierrez; Hamilton; Hancock; Hardcastle; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Hernandez Luna; Hilderbran; Hochberg; Hopson; Howard, C.; Howard, D.; Huberty; Hughes; Hunter; Isaac; Jackson; Johnson; Keffer; King, P.; King, S.; King, T.; Kleinschmidt; Kuempel; Landtroop; Larson; Lavender; Lewis; Lozano; Lucio; Lyne; Madden; Mallory Caraway; Margo; Marquez; Martinez Fischer; McClendon; Menendez; Miles; Miller, D.; Miller, S.; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Naishtat; Nash; Oliveira; Orr; Otto; Parker; Patrick; Paxton; Peña; Perry; Phillips; Pickett; Pitts; Price; Quintanilla; Raymond; Riddle; Ritter; Rodriguez; Schwertner; Scott; Sheets; Sheffield; Shelton; Simpson; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solomons; Strama; Taylor, L.; Taylor, V.; Thompson; Torres; Truitt; Turner; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; Weber; White; Woolley; Zedler; Zerwas.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Legler(C).

Absent, Excused — Flynn; Harless; Kolkhorst; Laubenberg; Reynolds; Smith, T.; Walle.

Absent — Martinez; Workman.

STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 392 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

Martinez

GENERAL STATE CALENDAR SENATE BILLS THIRD READING

The following bills were laid before the house and read third time:

SB 309 ON THIRD READING (Patrick - House Sponsor)

SB 309, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to events to receive funding through a major events trust fund.

SB 309 was passed by (Record 393): 134 Yeas, 6 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Aliseda; Allen; Alonzo; Alvarado; Anchia; Anderson, C.; Anderson, R.; Aycock; Beck; Berman; Bohac; Bonnen; Branch; Brown; Burkett; Burnam; Button; Cain; Callegari; Carter; Castro; Chisum; Christian; Coleman; Cook; Craddick; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, S.; Davis, Y.; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dutton; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; Farias; Farrar; Fletcher; Frullo; Gallego; Garza; Geren; Giddings; Gonzales, L.; Gonzales, V.; Gonzalez; Gooden; Guillen; Gutierrez; Hamilton; Hancock; Hardcastle; Harper-Brown; Hernandez Luna; Hilderbran; Hochberg; Hopson; Howard, C.; Howard, D.; Huberty; Hughes; Hunter; Isaac; Jackson; Johnson; Keffer; King, P.; King, S.; King, T.; Kleinschmidt; Kuempel; Larson; Lewis; Lozano; Lucio; Lyne; Madden; Mallory Caraway; Margo; Marquez; Martinez Fischer; McClendon; Menendez; Miles; Miller, D.; Miller, S.; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Naishtat; Nash; Oliveira; Orr; Otto; Parker; Patrick; Paxton; Peña; Phillips; Pickett; Pitts; Price; Quintanilla; Raymond; Riddle; Ritter; Rodriguez; Schwertner; Scott; Sheets; Sheffield; Shelton; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solomons; Strama; Taylor, L.; Taylor, V.; Thompson; Torres; Truitt; Turner; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; White; Woolley; Workman; Zedler; Zerwas.

Nays — Hartnett; Landtroop; Lavender; Perry; Simpson; Weber.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Legler(C).

Absent, Excused — Flynn; Harless; Kolkhorst; Laubenberg; Reynolds; Smith, T.; Walle.

Absent — Martinez.

STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 393 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

Martinez

I was shown voting yes on Record No. 393. I intended to vote no.

White

SB 458 ON THIRD READING (Woolley - House Sponsor)

SB 458, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to initial claims under the unemployment compensation system.

SB 458 was passed by (Record 394): 140 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Aliseda; Allen; Alonzo; Alvarado; Anchia; Anderson, C.; Anderson, R.; Aycock; Beck; Berman; Bohac; Bonnen; Branch; Brown; Burkett; Burnam; Button; Cain; Callegari; Carter; Castro; Chisum; Christian; Coleman; Cook; Craddick; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, S.; Davis, Y.; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dutton; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; Farias; Farrar; Fletcher; Frullo; Gallego; Garza; Geren; Giddings; Gonzales, L.; Gonzales, V.; Gonzalez; Gooden; Guillen; Gutierrez; Hamilton; Hancock; Hardcastle; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Hernandez Luna; Hilderbran; Hochberg; Hopson; Howard, C.; Howard, D.; Huberty; Hughes; Hunter; Isaac; Jackson; Johnson; Keffer; King, P.; King, S.; King, T.; Kleinschmidt; Kuempel; Landtroop; Larson; Lavender; Lewis; Lozano; Lucio; Lyne; Madden; Mallory Caraway; Margo; Marquez; Martinez Fischer; McClendon; Menendez; Miles; Miller, D.; Miller, S.; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Naishtat; Nash; Oliveira; Orr; Otto; Parker; Patrick; Paxton; Peña; Perry; Phillips; Pickett; Pitts; Price; Quintanilla; Raymond; Riddle; Ritter; Rodriguez; Schwertner; Scott; Sheets; Sheffield; Shelton; Simpson; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solomons; Strama; Taylor, L.; Taylor, V.; Thompson; Torres; Truitt; Turner; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; Weber; White; Woolley; Workman; Zedler; Zerwas.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Legler(C).

Absent, Excused — Flynn; Harless; Kolkhorst; Laubenberg; Reynolds; Smith, T.; Walle.

Absent — Martinez.

STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 394 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

Martinez

POSTPONED BUSINESS

The following bills were laid before the house as postponed business:

HB 992 ON SECOND READING (by Castro)

HB 992, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to excess undergraduate credit hours at public institutions of higher education.

HB 992 was read second time on April 13 and was postponed until 9 a.m. today.

Representative Martinez Fischer moved to postpone consideration of HB 992 until the end of today's calendar.

The motion prevailed.

MAJOR STATE CALENDAR HOUSE BILLS SECOND READING

The following bills were laid before the house and read second time:

CSHB 2499 ON SECOND READING (by Cook)

CSHB 2499, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the continuation and functions of the Department of Information Resources and the transfer of certain department functions to the comptroller of public accounts.

Amendment No. 1

Representative Lucio offered the following amendment to **CSHB 2499**:

Amend **CSHB 2499** (house committee report) as follows:

- (1) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in amended Section 2054.005, Government Code (page 1, line 15), strike "2017" and substitute "2013".
- (2) Strike SECTIONS 1 and 3 through 35 of the bill and renumber the remaining SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.

Amendment No. 2

Representative Lucio offered the following amendment to Amendment No. 1:

Amend Amendment No. 1 by Lucio to CSHB 2499 by striking item (2) of the amendment (lines 5-6).

Amendment No. 2 was withdrawn.

Representative Cook moved to table Amendment No. 1.

The motion to table prevailed by (Record 395): 104 Yeas, 31 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Aliseda; Anderson, C.; Anderson, R.; Aycock; Beck; Berman; Bohac; Bonnen; Branch; Burkett; Button; Cain; Callegari; Carter; Chisum; Christian; Cook; Craddick; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, S.; Deshotel; Driver; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; Fletcher; Frullo; Garza; Geren; Gonzales, L.; Gonzalez; Gooden; Guillen; Hamilton; Hancock; Hardcastle; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Hilderbran; Hopson; Howard, C.; Howard, D.; Huberty; Hughes; Hunter; Isaac; Jackson; Keffer; King, P.; King, S.; King, T.; Kleinschmidt; Kuempel; Landtroop; Larson; Lavender; Lewis; Lyne; Madden; Margo; Martinez; McClendon; Miller, D.; Miller, S.; Morrison; Murphy; Nash; Orr; Parker; Patrick; Paxton; Peña; Perry; Phillips; Pickett; Pitts; Price; Quintanilla; Riddle; Ritter; Schwertner; Scott; Sheets; Sheffield; Shelton; Simpson; Smith, W.; Solomons; Strama; Taylor, L.; Taylor, V.; Torres; Truitt; Villarreal; Vo; Weber; White; Woolley; Workman; Zedler; Zerwas.

Nays — Allen; Alonzo; Alvarado; Brown; Burnam; Coleman; Davis, Y.; Dukes; Dutton; Farias; Farrar; Gallego; Giddings; Gonzales, V.; Gutierrez; Hernandez Luna; Hochberg; Johnson; Lozano; Lucio; Mallory Caraway; Marquez; Martinez Fischer; Miles; Muñoz; Naishtat; Oliveira; Rodriguez; Thompson; Turner; Veasey.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Legler(C).

Absent, Excused — Flynn; Harless; Kolkhorst; Laubenberg; Reynolds; Smith, T.; Walle.

Absent — Anchia; Castro; Menendez; Otto; Raymond; Smithee.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following members were granted leaves of absence for the remainder of today because of important business in the district:

P. King on motion of Morrison.

Otto on motion of Orr.

CSHB 2499 - (consideration continued)

Amendment No. 3

Representative Lucio offered the following amendment to CSHB 2499:

Amend CSHB 2499 (house committee report) as follows:

- (1) Strike SECTIONS 12, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 34 of the bill.
- (2) In SECTION 25 of the bill, in added Section 2157.0685, Government Code (page 24, lines 10, 11, 15, 17, 19, and 20), strike "comptroller" each time it appears and substitute "department".
- (3) In SECTION 25 of the bill, in added Section 2157.0685, Government Code (page 24, line 15), strike "comptroller's" and substitute "department's".
- (4) In SECTION 31 of the bill (page $\overline{2}6$, lines 23 and $2\overline{4}$), strike "Sections 2054.024(c), 2155.501(1), 2155.502(e), 2157.0611, and 2157.181(b), Government Code, are" and substitute "Section 2054.024(c), Government Code, is".
 - (5) Renumber the remaining SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.

Representative Cook moved to table Amendment No. 3.

The motion to table prevailed by (Record 396): 76 Yeas, 56 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Aliseda; Anderson, C.; Anderson, R.; Aycock; Beck; Berman; Bohac; Branch; Burkett; Button; Cain; Callegari; Chisum; Christian; Cook; Craddick; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, S.; Deshotel; Driver; Eiland; Eissler; Fletcher; Frullo; Garza; Gooden; Hamilton; Hardcastle; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Hopson; Howard, C.; Howard, D.; Huberty; Hunter; Isaac; Jackson; Keffer; King, S.; Kleinschmidt; Kuempel; Landtroop; Lavender; Lewis; Lyne; Madden; Miller, D.; Miller, S.; Morrison; Murphy; Patrick; Peña;

Perry; Phillips; Pitts; Quintanilla; Riddle; Scott; Sheets; Sheffield; Simpson; Smith, W.; Solomons; Taylor, L.; Taylor, V.; Truitt; Villarreal; Weber; White; Woolley; Workman; Zedler; Zerwas.

Nays — Allen; Alonzo; Alvarado; Anchia; Brown; Burnam; Carter; Castro; Coleman; Davis, Y.; Dukes; Dutton; Elkins; Farias; Farrar; Giddings; Gonzales, L.; Gonzales, V.; Gonzalez; Guillen; Gutierrez; Hancock; Hernandez Luna; Hilderbran; Hughes; Johnson; King, T.; Larson; Lozano; Lucio; Mallory Caraway; Margo; Marquez; Martinez Fischer; McClendon; Menendez; Miles; Muñoz; Naishtat; Nash; Oliveira; Orr; Parker; Paxton; Pickett; Price; Raymond; Rodriguez; Schwertner; Shelton; Strama; Thompson; Torres; Turner; Veasey; Vo.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Legler(C).

Absent, Excused — Flynn; Harless; King, P.; Kolkhorst; Laubenberg; Otto; Reynolds; Smith, T.; Walle.

Absent — Bonnen; Gallego; Geren; Hochberg; Martinez; Ritter; Smithee.

STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 396 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

Gallego

When Record No. 396 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

Geren

I was shown voting no on Record No. 396. I intended to vote yes.

Larson

When Record No. 396 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

Martinez

I was shown voting no on Record No. 396. I intended to vote yes.

Nash

I was shown voting no on Record No. 396. I intended to vote yes.

Parker

I was shown voting no on Record No. 396. I intended to vote yes.

Schwertner

(Alvarado in the chair)

Amendment No. 4

Representative Brown offered the following amendment to **CSHB 2499**:

Amend **CSHB 2499** (house committee report) as follows:

(1) On page 10, line 4, strike "comptroller [department]" and substitute "department".

- (2) On page 10, line 5, strike "comptroller [department]," and substitute "department[-,".
- (3) Strike page 10, line 6, and substitute "including a contract entered into under Section 2157.068," that".
- (4) Strike SECTION 13 of the bill and renumber the remaining SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.

Amendment No. 5

Representative Brown offered the following amendment to Amendment No. 4:

Amend Floor Amendment No. 4 by Brown to **CSHB 2499** by adding the following appropriately numbered item to the amendment:

(1) Add the following appropriately numbered section to the bill and renumber the remaining sections of the bill as appropriate:

SECTION ____. The comptroller may not terminate a contract entered into by the Department of Information Resources that is transferred to the comptroller under this Act.

(2) Striking page 1, lines 2-9 of the original Brown amendment (82R22666MXM-D)

Amendment No. 5 was adopted.

Amendment No. 4, as amended, was adopted.

Amendment No. 6

Representative Castro offered the following amendment to CSHB 2499:

Amend **CSHB 2499** (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

Section $\underline{2054.033}$. (3) one member shall be a public citizen.

Amendment No. 7

Representative Castro offered the following amendment to Amendment No. 6:

Amend Amendment No. 6 by Castro by striking the text of the amendment and substituting the following:

Amend **CSHB 2499** (house committee report) by striking page 5, lines 9-15, and substituting the following:

- (b) The advisory committee is composed of customers who receive services from each of the department's key programs and of members of the public, including at least:
- (1) one member representing a state agency with fewer than 100 employees;
- (2) one member appointed by the Information Technology Council for Higher Education; and
 - (3) one public member.

Amendment No. 7 was adopted.

Amendment No. 6, as amended, was adopted.

CSHB 2499, as amended, was passed to engrossment.

CSHB 1774 ON SECOND READING (by L. Taylor)

CSHB 1774, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the continuation and functions of the office of injured employee counsel under the workers' compensation program.

Amendment No. 1

Representative Deshotel offered the following amendment to **CSHB 1774**:

Amend **CSHB 1774** (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly.

SECTION _____. Section 404.101, Labor Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) The office may seek and accept grant funding to enable the office to perform its duties under this subtitle. This subsection does not authorize the office to seek or accept payment from an injured employee.

Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

CSHB 1774, as amended, was passed to engrossment.

COMMITTEE GRANTED PERMISSION TO MEET

Representative Hunter requested permission for the Committee on Calendars to meet while the house is in session, at 10:45 a.m. today, in 3W.9, to set a calendar.

Permission to meet was granted.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The following committee meeting was announced:

Calendars, 10:45 a.m. today, 3W.9, for a formal meeting, to set a calendar.

CSHB 2251 ON SECOND READING (by Bonnen)

CSHB 2251, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Public Finance Authority.

Representative W. Smith moved to postpone consideration of **CSHB 2251** until 1:15 p.m. today.

The motion prevailed.

GENERAL STATE CALENDAR HOUSE BILLS SECOND READING

The following bills were laid before the house and read second time:

HB 1148 ON SECOND READING (by W. Smith)

HB 1148, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to an exemption for certain disabled veterans from the payment of a fee for the issuance of a personal identification certificate.

HB 1148 was passed to engrossment.

CSHB 1206 ON SECOND READING (by Guillen)

CSHB 1206, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to training for members of governing boards of public junior college districts.

CSHB 1206 was passed to engrossment. (Sheffield, Weber, and White recorded voting no.)

CSHB 1325 ON SECOND READING (by Hartnett)

CSHB 1325, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to payment of the costs for services of a guardian ad litem, court visitor, and attorney ad litem in a guardianship proceeding.

Representative Murphy moved to postpone consideration of CSHB 1325 until the end of today's calendar.

The motion prevailed.

HB 1353 ON SECOND READING (by Elkins, et al.)

HB 1353, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to speed limits.

Amendment No. 1

Representative Elkins offered the following amendment to **HB 1353**:

Amend HB 1353 as follows:

- (1) On page 1, line 13, strike "75 [70]" and substitute "70".
 (2) On page 3, line 7, between "545.353(d)" and "and", insert ", (h),".
- (3) On page 3, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:
- (h) Notwithstanding Section 545.352(b), the commission may establish a speed limit of 75 miles per hour [in daytime] on a part of the highway system if]:
- [(1)] the commission determines that 75 miles per hour [in daytime] is a reasonable and safe speed for that part of the highway system[; and
- [(2) that part of the highway is located in a county with a population density of less than 15 persons per square mile].
- (4) On page 6, lines 1-2, strike "Sections 545.353(h) and (i), Transportation Code, are repealed" and substitute "Section 545.353(i), Transportation Code, is repealed".
- (5) Insert the following appropriately numbered new SECTION and renumber subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION _____. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the Texas Department of Transportation shall conceal or remove speed limit signs that do not comply with Section 545.352, Transportation Code, as amended by this Act, and erect appropriate signs.

Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

HB 1353, as amended, was passed to engrossment. (C. Anderson, Hochberg, and Kleinschmidt recorded voting no.)

HB 1614 ON SECOND READING (by Gooden, Pitts, and Jackson)

HB 1614, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to fees for process server certification.

Representative Gooden moved to postpone consideration of **HB 1614** until the end of today's calendar.

The motion prevailed.

HB 1633 ON SECOND READING (by Bonnen, et al.)

HB 1633, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to a person's ability to read and write in English as a qualification for service as a petit juror.

Representative Hancock moved to postpone consideration of **HB 1633** until the end of today's calendar.

The motion prevailed.

HB 1806 ON SECOND READING (by Flynn)

HB 1806, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to fishing tournament fraud; providing penalties.

 ${\bf HB~1806}$ was passed to engrossment. (Simpson and White recorded voting no.)

HB 1917 ON SECOND READING (by Schwertner)

HB 1917, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the removal of appointed emergency services commissioners by a commissioners court.

Amendment No. 1

Representative Schwertner offered the following amendment to **HB 1917**:

Amend HB 1917 (house committee report) as follows:

- (1) On page 1, line 9, strike "Section 775.0422(b)" and substitute "Section 775.0422".
- (2) On page 1, line 10, between "amended" and "to", insert "by amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsection (b-1)".
 - (3) On page 1, strike lines 11-16 and substitute the following:

- (b) The commissioners court of the county in which a district is located, by an order adopted by a majority vote after a hearing, may remove \underline{a} [one or more] board member for:
- (1) incompetency, as defined by Section 87.011, Local Government Code;
- (2) official misconduct, as defined by Section 87.011, Local Government Code; or
- (3) misconduct, as defined by Section 178.001, Local Government Code [members if the board failed to give the report required by Section 775.036(a)(4) to the commissioners court before the 91st day after the date on which the report was due under that section].
- (b-1) Section 551.0745, Government Code, applies to a deliberation regarding a removal of a board member in the same manner as that section applies to a deliberation regarding a dismissal of a member of an advisory body.
- (c) Not later than [Before] the 30th [60th] day before [after] the date on which the hearing is held, a [report was due, each] commissioners court seeking removal under this section must notify the board members that it is considering that action.
 - (4) On page 1, strike lines 17 and 18.
 - (5) On page 1, line 19, strike "4" and substitute "3".

Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

HB 1917, as amended, was passed to engrossment. (Weber recorded voting no.)

HB 2582 ON SECOND READING (by Murphy)

HB 2582, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the repeal of the partial tax exemption for certain beer.

HB 2582 was passed to engrossment.

HB 2866 ON SECOND READING (by Harper-Brown)

HB 2866, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the electronic submission of certain documents to the attorney general and the submission of certain documents by the attorney general; imposing certain fees.

HB 2866 - STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES: Representative Harper-Brown, for purposes of legislative intent, I'd like to ask you a few questions. Is the fee in your bill a broad-based fee?

REPRESENTATIVE HARPER-BROWN: The fee in the bill is strictly paid for the convenience of filing the documents electronically. If you do not file the documents electronically, you do not have to pay the fee.

HUGHES: So that is not a broad-based fee?

HARPER-BROWN: No, it is not.

HUGHES: So, to file a document with the AG's office, under your bill, you don't have to file electronically and pay the fee if you don't want to. You could file by mail, by FedEx, however you want to file, just like current law, right?

HARPER-BROWN: That's exactly right, and the bill doesn't mandate that you file electronically. It simply sets that out as an option.

HUGHES: And, if you choose some other method of filing other than electronic, you don't have to pay a fee. Is that right?

HARPER-BROWN: That's right.

HUGHES: So the only people who will ever pay a fee under your bill are folks who want to pay it, because they will pay for their convenience to file electronically, is that right?

HARPER-BROWN: That's exactly right.

REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED

Representative Hughes moved to print remarks between Representative Harper-Brown and Representative Hughes.

The motion prevailed.

HB 2866 was passed to engrossment by (Record 397): 134 Yeas, 5 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Aliseda; Allen; Alonzo; Anderson, C.; Anderson, R.; Aycock; Beck; Berman; Bohac; Bonnen; Branch; Brown; Burkett; Burnam; Button; Cain; Callegari; Carter; Castro; Chisum; Christian; Coleman; Cook; Craddick; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, Y.; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dutton; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; Farias; Farrar; Fletcher; Frullo; Gallego; Garza; Geren; Giddings; Gonzales, L.; Gonzales, V.; Gonzalez; Gooden; Guillen; Gutierrez; Hamilton; Hancock; Hardcastle; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Hilderbran; Hochberg; Hopson; Howard, C.; Howard, D.; Huberty; Hughes; Hunter; Isaac; Jackson; Johnson; Keffer; King, S.; King, T.; Kleinschmidt; Kuempel; Landtroop; Larson; Lavender; Legler; Lewis; Lozano; Lyne; Madden; Margo; Marquez; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McClendon; Menendez; Miles; Miller, D.; Miller, S.; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Naishtat; Nash; Oliveira; Orr; Parker; Patrick; Paxton; Peña; Perry; Phillips; Pickett; Pitts; Price; Quintanilla; Raymond; Riddle; Ritter; Rodriguez; Schwertner; Scott; Sheets; Sheffield; Shelton; Simpson; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solomons; Strama; Taylor, L.; Taylor, V.; Thompson; Torres; Truitt; Turner; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; Weber; White; Woolley; Workman; Zedler; Zerwas.

Nays — Anchia; Davis, S.; Hernandez Luna; Lucio; Mallory Caraway.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Alvarado(C).

Absent, Excused — Flynn; Harless; King, P.; Kolkhorst; Laubenberg; Otto; Reynolds; Smith, T.; Walle.

STATEMENTS OF VOTE

I was shown voting yes on Record No. 397. I intended to vote no.

C. Anderson

I was shown voting yes on Record No. 397. I intended to vote no.

Isaac

POSTPONED BUSINESS

The following bills were laid before the house as postponed business:

HB 992 ON SECOND READING (by Castro)

HB 992, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to excess undergraduate credit hours at public institutions of higher education.

HB 992 was read second time on April 13, postponed until 9 a.m. today, and was again postponed until this time.

Amendment No. 1

Representative Castro offered the following amendment to **HB 992**:

Amend **HB 992** (house committee printing) on page 1, by striking lines 12-16 and substituting the following:

- (c) Except as provided under rules adopted under Subsection (d) or by Subsection (g):
- (1) unless Subdivision (2) applies, an institution of higher education may not permit a student to drop more than six courses, including any course a transfer student has dropped at another institution of higher education, under circumstances described by Subsection (b); and
- (2) a general academic teaching institution may not permit a student to whom Subsection (g) applies to drop more than four courses under circumstances described by Subsection (b).

Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

Amendment No. 2

Representative Shelton offered the following amendment to **HB 992**:

Amend **HB 992** (house committee printing) as follows:

- (1) On page 1, strike lines 6 and 7 and substitute "amending Subsections (a), (b), (d), and (e) and adding Subsections (g) and (h) to read as follows:".
 - (2) On page 1, strike lines 12 through 16 and substitute the following:
- (b) A policy adopted under this [This] section applies only to an undergraduate student who drops a course at an institution of higher education and who [only if]:
- (1) [the student] was able to drop the course without receiving a grade or incurring an academic penalty;
- (2) <u>has an official</u> [the student's] transcript that indicates or will indicate that the student was enrolled in the course; and

- (3) [the student] is not dropping the course in order to withdraw from the institution.
- (d) The governing board of an institution of higher education may adopt a policy that limits [under which] the [maximum] number of courses a student is permitted to drop under circumstances described by Subsection (b) [is less than the maximum number of courses that a student may drop under Subsection (e)].
- (e) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall adopt rules under which an institution of higher education that adopts a policy under Subsection (d) shall permit a student to drop more courses under circumstances described by Subsection (b) than the number of courses permitted to be dropped [under Subsection (e) or] under the [a] policy adopted under Subsection (d) if the student shows good cause for dropping more than that number, including a showing of:
- (1) a severe illness or other debilitating condition that affects the student's ability to satisfactorily complete a course;
- (2) the student's responsibility for the care of a sick, injured, or needy person if the provision of care affects the student's ability to satisfactorily complete a course;
 - (3) the death of a person who:
- (A) is considered to be a member of the student's family under a rule adopted under this subsection for purposes of this subdivision; or
- (B) is otherwise considered to have a sufficiently close relationship to the student under a rule adopted under this subsection that the person's death is considered to be a showing of good cause; or
- (4) the active duty service as a member of the Texas National Guard or the armed forces of the United States of:
 - (A) the student; or
- (B) a person who is considered to be a member of the student's family under a rule adopted under this subsection for purposes of this subdivision.
- (3) On page 2, line 4, strike "An institution of higher education shall" and substitute "An institution of higher education that adopts a policy under Subsection (d) shall".
- (4) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumber the remaining SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 51.907(c), Education Code, is repealed.

- SECTION _____. (a) Until the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopts the rules required by Section 51.907(e), Education Code, as amended by this Act, the rules adopted under Section 51.907 in effect on the effective date of this Act continue in effect, and a student who shows good cause for dropping a course as provided by those existing rules may do so notwithstanding a policy adopted by an institution of higher education under Section 51.907 before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.
 - (b) This section expires May 1, 2012.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following member was granted leave of absence for the remainder of today to attend a meeting of the Committee on Calendars:

Ritter on motion of Guillen.

The following member was granted leave of absence for the remainder of today because of important business in the district:

Giddings on motion of Allen.

HB 992 - (consideration continued)

Representative Castro moved to table Amendment No. 2.

The motion to table prevailed by (Record 398): 111 Yeas, 21 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Aliseda; Allen; Alonzo; Anchia; Anderson, R.; Aycock; Beck; Berman; Bohac; Branch; Brown; Burkett; Burnam; Button; Cain; Carter; Castro; Chisum; Coleman; Cook; Craddick; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, S.; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dutton; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; Farias; Farrar; Fletcher; Gallego; Garza; Geren; Gonzales, L.; Gonzales, V.; Gonzalez; Guillen; Gutierrez; Hamilton; Hancock; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Hernandez Luna; Hilderbran; Hochberg; Hopson; Howard, C.; Howard, D.; Huberty; Hunter; Jackson; Johnson; Keffer; King, T.; Kuempel; Landtroop; Larson; Lavender; Lozano; Lucio; Lyne; Madden; Mallory Caraway; Marquez; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Menendez; Miles; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Naishtat; Nash; Oliveira; Parker; Patrick; Paxton; Peña; Perry; Phillips; Pickett; Pitts; Quintanilla; Raymond; Riddle; Rodriguez; Scott; Sheets; Sheffield; Smith, W.; Solomons; Strama; Taylor, L.; Thompson; Torres; Turner; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; Weber; White; Woolley; Workman; Zedler; Zerwas.

Nays — Anderson, C.; Bonnen; Frullo; Gooden; Hardcastle; Hughes; Isaac; King, S.; Kleinschmidt; Legler; Lewis; Margo; Miller, D.; Orr; Price; Schwertner; Shelton; Simpson; Smithee; Taylor, V.; Truitt.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Alvarado(C).

Absent, Excused — Flynn; Giddings; Harless; King, P.; Kolkhorst; Laubenberg; Otto; Reynolds; Smith, T.; Walle.

Absent, Excused, Committee Meeting — Ritter.

Absent — Callegari; Christian; Davis, Y.; McClendon; Miller, S.

STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 398 was taken, my vote failed to register. I would have voted yes.

Christian

When Record No. 398 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

McClendon

When Record No. 398 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

S. Miller

HB 992, as amended, was passed to engrossment by (Record 399): 88 Yeas, 45 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Allen; Alonzo; Anchia; Anderson, C.; Aycock; Berman; Branch; Brown; Burnam; Castro; Chisum; Coleman; Craddick; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, S.; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dutton; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; Farias; Farrar; Fletcher; Gallego; Garza; Gonzales, L.; Gonzales, V.; Gonzalez; Gooden; Guillen; Gutierrez; Hardcastle; Hernandez Luna; Hochberg; Hopson; Howard, C.; Howard, D.; Hunter; Jackson; Johnson; Keffer; King, T.; Kuempel; Larson; Lozano; Lucio; Lyne; Mallory Caraway; Margo; Marquez; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McClendon; Menendez; Miles; Morrison; Muñoz; Naishtat; Nash; Oliveira; Patrick; Peña; Phillips; Pickett; Pitts; Price; Quintanilla; Raymond; Riddle; Rodriguez; Schwertner; Scott; Sheffield; Smith, W.; Strama; Taylor, L.; Thompson; Torres; Turner; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; Zerwas.

Nays — Aliseda; Anderson, R.; Beck; Bohac; Bonnen; Burkett; Button; Cain; Carter; Christian; Cook; Frullo; Geren; Hamilton; Hancock; Hartnett; Hilderbran; Huberty; Hughes; Isaac; King, S.; Kleinschmidt; Landtroop; Lavender; Legler; Lewis; Madden; Miller, D.; Murphy; Orr; Parker; Paxton; Perry; Sheets; Shelton; Simpson; Smithee; Solomons; Taylor, V.; Truitt; Weber; White; Woolley; Workman; Zedler.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Alvarado(C).

Absent, Excused — Flynn; Giddings; Harless; King, P.; Kolkhorst; Laubenberg: Otto: Revnolds: Smith. T.: Walle.

Absent, Excused, Committee Meeting — Ritter.

Absent — Callegari; Davis, Y.; Harper-Brown; Miller, S.

STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 399 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

S. Miller

CSHB 1325 ON SECOND READING (by Hartnett)

CSHB 1325, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to payment of the costs for services of a guardian ad litem, court visitor, and attorney ad litem in a guardianship proceeding.

CSHB 1325 was read second time earlier today and was postponed until this time.

CSHB 1325 was passed to engrossment.

HB 1614 ON SECOND READING (by Gooden, Pitts, and Jackson)

HB 1614. A bill to be entitled An Act relating to fees for process server certification.

HB 1614 was read second time earlier today and was postponed until this time.

Amendment No. 1

Representatives Huberty and Chisum offered the following amendment to HB 1614:

Amend **HB 1614** (house committee printing) on page 1, line 23, by inserting the following before the period "and may be appropriated only to the office for purposes of this section".

Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

HB 1614, as amended, was passed to engrossment by (Record 400): 112 Yeas, 22 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Aliseda; Allen; Alonzo; Anchia; Anderson, R.; Aycock; Beck; Berman; Bohac; Bonnen; Branch; Burkett; Burnam; Button; Castro; Chisum; Christian; Coleman; Cook; Craddick; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, S.; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dutton; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; Farias; Farrar; Fletcher; Gallego; Garza; Geren; Gonzales, V.; Gonzalez; Gooden; Guillen; Gutierrez; Hamilton; Hardcastle; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Hernandez Luna; Hilderbran; Hochberg; Hopson; Howard, C.; Howard, D.; Huberty; Hughes; Hunter; Jackson; Johnson; Keffer; King, S.; King, T.; Kleinschmidt; Kuempel; Lavender; Lewis; Lozano; Lucio; Lyne; Madden; Mallory Caraway; Margo; Marquez; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McClendon; Menendez; Miles; Miller, D.; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Naishtat; Nash; Oliveira; Orr; Patrick; Pickett; Pitts; Price; Quintanilla; Raymond; Riddle; Rodriguez; Schwertner; Scott; Sheffield; Shelton; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solomons; Strama; Taylor, L.; Thompson; Torres; Truitt; Turner; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; White; Woolley; Zerwas.

Nays — Anderson, C.; Brown; Cain; Callegari; Carter; Gonzales, L.; Hancock; Isaac; Landtroop; Larson; Legler; Miller, S.; Parker; Paxton; Perry; Phillips; Sheets; Simpson; Taylor, V.; Weber; Workman; Zedler.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Alvarado(C).

Absent, Excused — Flynn; Giddings; Harless; King, P.; Kolkhorst; Laubenberg; Otto; Reynolds; Smith, T.; Walle.

Absent, Excused, Committee Meeting — Ritter.

Absent — Davis, Y.; Frullo; Peña.

STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 400 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

Frullo

I was shown voting yes on Record No. 400. I intended to vote no.

Huberty

I was shown voting no on Record No. 400. I intended to vote yes.

Larson

I was shown voting yes on Record No. 400. I intended to vote no.

Truitt

HB 1633 ON SECOND READING (by Bonnen, et al.)

HB 1633, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to a person's ability to read and write in English as a qualification for service as a petit juror.

HB 1633 was read second time earlier today and was postponed until this time.

Representative Bonnen moved to postpone consideration of **HB 1633** until 8 a.m. Tuesday, April 19.

The motion prevailed.

CSHB 2251 ON SECOND READING (by Bonnen)

CSHB 2251, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Public Finance Authority.

CSHB 2251 was read second time earlier today and was postponed until this time.

CSHB 2251 was passed to engrossment by (Record 401): 135 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Aliseda; Allen; Alonzo; Anchia; Anderson, C.; Anderson, R.; Aycock; Beck; Berman; Bohac; Bonnen; Branch; Brown; Burkett; Burnam; Button; Cain; Callegari; Carter; Castro; Chisum; Christian; Coleman; Cook; Craddick; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, S.; Davis, Y.; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dutton; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; Farias; Farrar; Fletcher; Frullo; Gallego; Garza; Geren; Gonzales, L.; Gonzales, V.; Gonzalez; Gooden; Guillen; Gutierrez; Hamilton; Hancock; Hardcastle; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Hernandez Luna; Hilderbran; Hochberg; Hopson; Howard, C.; Howard, D.; Huberty; Hughes; Hunter; Isaac; Jackson; Johnson; Keffer; King, S.; King, T.; Kleinschmidt; Kuempel; Landtroop; Larson; Lavender; Legler; Lewis; Lozano; Lucio; Madden; Mallory Caraway; Margo; Marquez; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McClendon; Menendez; Miles; Miller, D.; Miller, S.; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Naishtat; Nash; Oliveira; Orr; Parker; Patrick; Paxton; Peña; Perry; Phillips; Pickett; Pitts; Price; Quintanilla; Raymond; Riddle; Rodriguez; Schwertner; Scott; Sheets; Sheffield; Shelton; Simpson; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solomons; Strama; Taylor, L.; Taylor, V.; Torres; Truitt; Turner; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; Weber; White; Woolley; Workman; Zedler; Zerwas.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Alvarado(C).

Absent, Excused — Flynn; Giddings; Harless; King, P.; Kolkhorst; Laubenberg; Otto; Reynolds; Smith, T.; Walle.

Absent, Excused, Committee Meeting — Ritter.

Absent — Lyne; Thompson.

STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 401 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

Lyne

PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT

Representative Bonnen moved that, at the conclusion of the Speaker's Reunion Day ceremony, the house adjourn until 1 p.m. Monday, April 18, in memory of Michael Anthony Davis of Lake Jackson.

The motion prevailed.

(Speaker pro tempore in the chair)

SPEAKER'S REUNION DAY

In recognition of past service, former members were introduced at the podium.

ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with a previous motion, the house, at 12:05 p.m., adjourned until 1 p.m. Monday, April 18.

ADDENDUM

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following messages from the senate were today received by the house:

Message No. 1

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE SENATE CHAMBER Austin, Texas Friday, April 15, 2011

The Honorable Speaker of the House

House Chamber

Austin, Texas

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed by the senate to inform the house that the senate has taken the following action:

THE SENATE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

Zaffirini

Relating to certification to teach public school students who have visual impairments.

SB 100 Van de Putte

Relating to the adoption of certain voting procedures and to certain elections, including procedures necessary to implement the federal Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act, deadlines for declaration of candidacy and dates for certain elections, and to terms of certain elected officials.

SB 162 Shapiro
Relating to developing a developmental education plan for students entering public institutions of higher education.

SB 198 West

Relating to exempting persons who are convicted of certain sexual offenses from registering as a sex offender in this state.

SB 291 Watson

Relating to an alcohol awareness component of the science curriculum used in public schools.

SB 407 Watson Relating to the creation of the offense of electronic transmission of certain visual material depicting a minor and to certain educational programs concerning the prevention and awareness of that offense.

SB 662 Nichols

Relating to the continuation and functions of the State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology; providing an administrative penalty.

SB 797 Nelson

Relating to objective assessment processes for and appropriate provision of acute nursing services and certain other services provided under the Medicaid program.

SB 821 Watson

Relating to the authority of the Travis County Healthcare District to make capital or financial contributions to certain public institutions or charitable organizations.

SB 844 Patrick

Relating to the offense of escape from custody by a person lawfully detained.

SB 898 Carona

Relating to energy efficiency programs in institutions of higher education and certain governmental entities.

SB 916 Wentworth

Relating to ad valorem tax lien transfers.

SB 917 Wentworth

Relating to emergency service districts.

SB 988 Van de Putte

Relating to the creation of a cybersecurity, education, and economic development council.

SB 1001 Carona

Relating to the practice of certain professions regulated under the Occupations Code.

SB 1170 Carona

Relating to the regulation of barbers and cosmetologists.

SB 1179 Nelson

Relating to the elimination of certain required reports prepared by state agencies and institutions of higher education and other obsolete provisions of law.

SB 1635 Davis

Relating to contributions to the fund for veterans' assistance.

SB 1680 Ellis

Relating to certain evidence in a prosecution of fraud or theft involving Medicaid or Medicare benefits and to certain criminal procedures involving offenses in general.

SB 1739 Davis

Relating to the use of the fund for veterans' assistance.

SJR 37 Van de Putte

Proposing a constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office.

Respectfully,

Patsy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

APPENDIX

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Favorable reports have been filed by committees as follows:

April 14

Business and Industry - HB 1071, HB 1162, HB 1886, HB 2682, HB 2793

Criminal Jurisprudence - HB 3

Culture, Recreation, and Tourism - HB 535, HB 3726

Defense and Veterans' Affairs - HB 1172, HB 2624, HB 3179

Economic and Small Business Development - HB 433, SB 439

Environmental Regulation - HB 2013, HB 2694

Higher Education - HB 1407, HB 1497, HB 2907, HB 3468, SB 386

Human Services - HB 1295, HB 3331, SB 400

Insurance - SB 567

Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence - HB 1111, HB 1418, HB 2132, HB 2759, HB 3314

Land and Resource Management - HB 1665, HB 3096, SB 873

Licensing and Administrative Procedures - HB 1853, HB 2177, HB 3287

Natural Resources - HB 2363, HB 2942, HB 3089, HB 3743, SB 433, SB 475, SB 629, SB 727, SB 813, SB 832

Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services - HB 2495, HCR 99

Public Education - HB 398, HB 400, HB 692

State Affairs - SB 367, SB 983

Ways and Means - HB 1841, HB 2476, HB 2599

ENGROSSED

April 14 - HB 35, HB 46, HB 119, HB 184, HB 364, HB 365, HB 558, HB 790, HB 902, HB 930, HB 960, HB 962, HB 1040, HB 1072, HB 1083, HB 1215, HB 1263, HB 1322, HB 1330, HB 1346, HB 1379, HB 1400, HB 1426, HB 1527, HB 1550, HB 1625, HB 1829, HB 1901, HB 1908, HB 1953, HB 2266, HB 2463, HB 2831, HB 2971, HB 3000, HB 3333, HCR 18

RECOMMENDATIONS FILED WITH THE SPEAKER

April 14 - HB 3821, HB 3824, HB 3826, HB 3827, HB 3828, HB 3831, HB 3832, HB 3834